



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

October 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by the Chairperson,
Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

Board members present:

Rhea Cohn, PT
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Donald Novak, PT

Also Present:

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
John Bull, Compliance Manager/Investigator
Eric Jordan, Investigator
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Nancy Staniel, Board Secretary
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

Guests:

Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom
Ms. O'Brien – PT student, UMES

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| John Baker, PT welcomed the new Board Investigator, Eric Jordan. | Welcome |
| The minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2011 were approved with modifications. | Minutes |
| Amanda Macht, PT wrote the Board to inquire about the type of supervision required for PT aides reviewing exercises with patients. The Board discussed and agreed that if delivering physical therapy services, a PT must <u>directly supervise</u> the PT aide. | A. Macht, PT/ PTA Supervision |
| Christina Mage, PT, wrote the Board questioning the directive on patient refusal as it relates to Medicare law changes effective this year. The Board discussed and agreed to refer Ms. Mage to the Code of Maryland Regulations, Requirements for Documentation, and to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for clarification of billing guidelines. | C. Mage, PT/Patient Refusals & Medicare |
| John Lapid, PT wrote the Board to request the Board's position on staple removal. The Board agreed that the procedure should be performed within the competency of the individual physical therapist. | John Lapid, PT/ Staple Removal |
| Paul Tomaz, PT wrote the Board to inquire whether he can treat patients, (as a home health therapist), who have been discharged from the nursing home where he is employed. The Board agreed that he can treat the discharged patients. | P. Tomaz, PT/ Ethical Issue |
| Tom Thompson wrote the Board to inquire where he can look to determine the requirements for qualification as an aqua therapist. The Board discussed and agreed that the therapist must work within their own competency for aqua therapy. | T.Thompson /Requirements |
| Robert Cohen, PT wrote the Board to obtain a clarification regarding electronic signatures. The Board agreed to refer Mr. Thompson to the Standards of Practice regulations 10.38.03 page 1 for clarification. | Robert Cohen, PT/Electronic Signatures |
| Kristen Neville, Legislature Specialist, reported that the Board approved sanctioning guidelines will be published for a 30 day comment period. | Kristen Neville/Proposed Guidelines |
| It was agreed that this presentation would be postponed until the November board meeting. | FSBPT Annual Conference Update |
| Ms. Jackson reviewed the changes for all present. | Amendments to the Practice Act Book |
| Deborah Jackson presented an update to the Board regarding the status of applicants and NPTE test results. | Licensing Update |

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The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course application: "Bowenwork *Module 1*", because some phases of the course were not relevant to the practice of physical therapy, and the presenter's credentials were not properly presented in the application.

Continuing
Education

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:00 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (1) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

The board meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton A. Curry, Executive

Director

Date approved



Dr. John Baker, Chairperson